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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title "Reference to a Related Application" please insert -- This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/186,884, filed November 6, 1998, which-- and delete "This application".

Page 1, line 5, after "June 7, 1996" insert --(now U.S. Patent No. 5,928,129);

Page 7, line 2, after "4,395,356" insert --(King et al.)--;

Page 9, line 7, change "effect" to --affect--;

Page 9, line 22, change "\_\_\_\_\_ " to --5,928,129--;

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Page 13, line 10, change "measure" to --measured--.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to include a cross-reference to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/186,884, filed November 6, 1998.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are 7 sheets of formal drawings. The formal drawings are submitted to satisfy all formal drawing requirements.

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